

TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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PREPARED BY: Evelyn Roig, Assistant Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Other -

AFFECTED DISTRICT: n/a

ITEM REQUEST: Schedule for Council Meeting

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: January 20, 2010 Minutes (Workshop)

REPORT IN BRIEF: Council meeting minutes from the January 20, 2010 Workshop.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: n/a

CONCURRENCES: n/a

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

RECOMMENDATION(S): Other -

Attachment(s): January 20, 2010 Workshop Minutes

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP
JANUARY 20, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice-Mayor Crowley and Councilmembers Caletka, Luis and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Shimun, Town Attorney Rayson, and Assistant Town Clerk Roig recording the meeting.

3. CENTRAL BROWARD EAST/WEST TRANSIT PROJECT

Mr. Quigley reported the project was currently in the draft/environmental impact phase. He introduced Zafar Alikhan from Jacob's Engineering, the FDOT Project Manager. Mr. Alikhan gave a brief history of the project, and stated in 2008 they had received a reaffirmation from the Metropolitan Planning Organization to move forward. They had developed a technical advisory group, which included a representative from the Town of Davie. In response to interest expressed during the scoping process, they had identified possible alignment alternatives that Mr. Alikhan showed to Council. He anticipated entering the draft environmental impact process within one month and spending approximately one year performing a full analysis and developing the design concepts. Workshops would be held in the Town of Davie to define the design options.

Mr. Alikhan showed rendering of the alignments options to Council and described input they had received so far regarding these options. Issues for the Town of Davie included: providing service to the South Florida Education Center [SFEC]; providing a catalyst for redevelopment in the Town of Davie; providing a connection to the airport and downtown Fort Lauderdale providing local circulation and support for the Oaks Road project.

Mr. Quigley introduced Lois Bolton from the SFEC. He said staff wished Council's support on a resolution to be brought back in February reiterating the Town's support for the project and the connection to the SFEC.

Ms. Bolton said that the entire SFEC supported this project, including the option that came near the Town of Davie to serve the SFEC and the Town.

Councilmember Starkey said that one concern was whether the project would be located on the north or south side of I-595. Mr. Alikhan stated the current option was to bring it to the south side. They were introducing some different technology options, and wished to evaluate the elevated guideway section. In order to control costs, they wanted to consider whether the guideway should be elevated or not. Councilmember Starkey stated, "Absolutely not;" and said she opposed an elevated portion on the south side. She felt elevating on the centerline was possible, noting that residents had expressed opposition to locating an elevated portion on the south side.

Councilmember Caletka stated he was on the Metropolitan Planning Organization [MPO], and he said the biggest objection residents had was the noise generated by an elevated system. He agreed with moving cars off the road.

Mayor Paul had attended the 441 collaborative, where every one except the Town of Davie had voted for the Oakland Park alternative. She felt she needed to show support to the SPC.

Vice-Mayor Crowley said Council had expressed concern in the past that the Town would give up property in their tax base to provide stations. Mr. Alikhan was aware that land acquisition was a serious issue along the alignment. With the lower cost vehicles, one advantage was that the smaller vehicles could fit into a standard 10 to 12-foot lane. Mr. Alikhan said in trying to bring down the guideway, based on the Town's suggestion, they still might need additional land. They would perform a full economic analysis to determine what additional tax revenue could be generated by transit-oriented developments or improvements along the corridor.

Mr. Alikhan estimated for Vice-Mayor Crowley that along I-595 from University Drive west there would be two to three stations; each station size would be determined by the Town, depending on desired parking and bus bays.

Councilmember Luis stated his main concern was eminent domain, but since the Town would have input, he did not anticipate this would be a problem. He wanted to go forward with the project.

Mr. Quigley agreed to draft a resolution that stated the Town's support for the project and alignment in general, while indicating their concerns regarding land acquisition, etc. Mayor Paul stated they would prefer limited land taking, the bus rapid transit and no elevation west of University. Council also agreed they favored the move into the SFEC.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Approved on: _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk